

The HUB

The Official Newsletter of American Fork City



AMERICAN FORK CITY'S PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET

American Fork City is dedicated to funding and providing quality services for our residents. Efficient government operations, public safety and a high quality of life is important for our community. American Fork is growing at a rapid pace, and as such the City has focused on key points of the FY 2023 budget to accommodate growth while preserving our identity and protecting our future.

Proposed Property Tax Increase

In the FY 2023 proposed budget American Fork City is considering a property tax increase to fund road improvements and rising public safety costs. The City is considering what will equate to a \$10 per month increase in property taxes for the average resident*. This represents about a 4% increase to a resident's overall property tax bill but allows the City to fund an additional \$1.2 million dollars towards roads and public safety.

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KEY FACTS

- FY 2023 Total Budget is \$112,036,421
- FY 2023 General Fund Budget is \$31,871,685, 2% lower than last year's estimated general fund expenses
- 14 new employees, including 3 new officers, 4 new employees for streets and utilities, and 3 for parks, rec, and library programming.
- \$3.5 million towards road improvements
- \$2.2 million for curb and gutter improvements
- \$5 million for pressurized irrigation meters
- \$8.5 million to begin construction of Fire station 52
- A proposed property tax increase of \$10/month for roads and public safety*

*\$10/mo based on median home value of \$550,000

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Office Numbers

Administration	801-763-3000
Public Works	801-763-3060
Library	801-763-3070
Fitness Center	801-763-3080
Senior Center	801-763-3090

Non-Emergency

Police	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue	801-763-3045

On-Call / After-Hour

Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Garbage	801-924-8500
Street Lights	801-814-4311



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The last time the City raised property taxes was in 2008 (14 years ago) to fund road improvements. The City has no record prior to 2008 of the last time property taxes were increased by the City. The 2008 property tax increase equals an additional \$500,000 in today's dollars. All those dollars have gone, and will continue to go, towards roads. However, as the cost of road materials increases year after year, American Fork's road projects get more expensive, forcing us to reduce how much we can get done with the same amount of money.

American Fork City tries hard every year to tighten our belt and avoid increasing taxes as much as we can. For example, every year the City seeks after, and receives, tens of millions of dollars in grants to help subsidize operating and capital expenses. That represents many services we can provide that our residents don't have to pay for. Additionally, some City departments have not increased personnel for over a decade, while other departments have reduced personnel as they have incorporated technology to be more efficient.

In addition to the ways American Fork City has tried to operate efficiently and reduce costs, American Fork City has also been

reducing our property tax rate over the years, meaning the City has not actually collected more in property taxes from its existing residents. This has happened because of something called the Certified Tax Rate, a state mandated system in which Utah cities' property tax rates are automatically adjusted down as home values increase. The result is that residents don't pay more in taxes even if their home values increase. This also means our City's revenue remains stagnant, even if the cost to provide the same level of services goes up due to inflation, which it has. Because of this American Fork City is still operating at 2008 property tax revenue to fund services that cost the City 2022 dollars to provide.

In the future American Fork City would like to consider what's called a "pegged" property tax rate. That is when American Fork City chooses to keep our property tax rate the same as the previous year rather than allowing the certified tax rate to lower it. That would allow the City to cover cost increases related to inflation. Municipal taxation laws require the City to call that a tax increase to residents, even though we are only wanting to keep our tax rate the same as the previous year. To learn more about how the certified tax rate works please read our City's Residents Want to Know article on how property taxes work.

TIMELINE

- **May 10:** City Council adopts the Proposed FY 2023 Budget
- **June 14:** Public Hearing on the FY 2023 Budget
- **June 21:** City Council adopts the official FY 2023 City budget
- **August 23:** Public Hearing for the City's tax rate
- **Prior to Sep 1:** Adoption of city's new tax rate

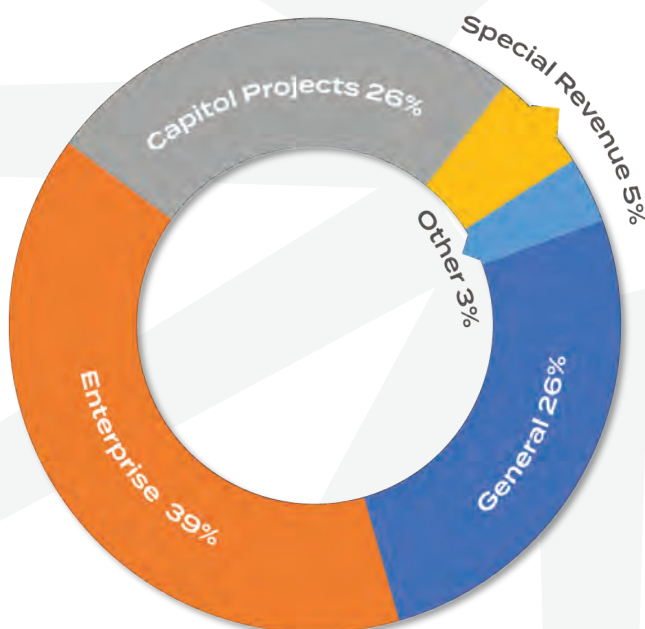
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- FY 2023 Proposed Budget
- Budget In Brief
- Citizen's Want to Know: How Property Taxes Work
- Citizen's Want to Know: Roads

Visit americanfork.gov/finance to learn more and view the additional resources

2023 BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Total Budget **\$112,036,421**



General Fund **\$31,871,685**



WHAT DO MY PROPERTY TAXES PAY FOR?

WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICTS* **2%**



*Central Utah Water Conservancy District
*North Utah County Water Conservancy District

UTAH COUNTY **11%**



AF CITY **16%**

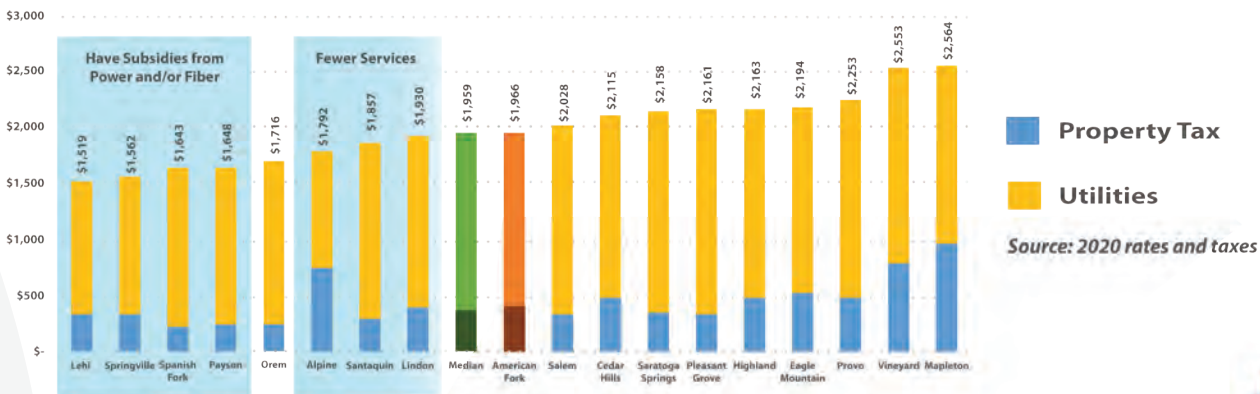


SCHOOLS **69%**



PROPERTY TAX & UTILITY BILLS

COMBINED ANNUAL COST BY CITY



Combined annual property taxes and utility bills paid by city. City's with fewer services and/or subsidies can afford to have lower taxes or fees.

ROAD REPAIR

In fiscal year 2023 the City is proposing to spend \$3.5 million for road maintenance and repair. This funding will come from state class B&C funds, the county's local transportation sales tax option, and city funding which includes the 2008 property tax increase for road improvements. The 2008 property tax increase equates to less than \$500,000 for road improvement in today's dollars. Currently, the City estimates it would take about \$4.5 million annually over 20 years to truly improve the city's overall road system.

2,776 lane miles of ice and snow removal in 2021.

Eliminated 137 sidewalk failures in 2021.

\$4.3 million on road improvements and treatment methods in FY 2022.

Historically the city averaged about \$2,100,000 on road repair annually.

Repaved 45,322 sq ft of failed roadway and surface treated almost 1,000,000 sq ft of roadway.

PRESENTED BY
HARRINGTON CENTER
FOR THE ARTS

FORK
FEST

JUNE 11
ART DYE PARK

RITT MOMNEY

SEGO • BRANDON ROBBINS (OF TM&TF)
SZCOOL • BROTHER • JENN BLOSIL

EJ MICHELS (OF FOREIGN FIGURES) • LITTLE MOON
LANTERN BY SEA • CARDINAL BLOOM • GARDEN BRETT

MICHAEL BARROW & THE TOURISTS • PAUL JACOBSEN

BEESON • WITH ANDREA • POOLHOUSE • SPIRIT CITY

BRI RAY • DRUSKY • CHERISH DEGRAAF • BASEMENT WAVES

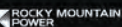
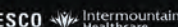
TALIN EVERETT • OBEYAY • CHI CHI LE MOT • JAMES ROBIN

PAIGE FISH • CARSON FERRIS • UTAH PTA BOTB WINNER (TBD)

GA \$27 / VIP \$65 / AGES 11 & UNDER FREE

15 % TICKETS
OFF CODE: AF15

TICKETS & INFO AT:
FORKFEST.ORG



FREE Online Landscape Classes



Creating Waterwise
Park Strips
June 7th, 7-8pm



Intro. to Localscapes
June 14th, 7-8pm



Localscapes University
June 21st, 7-8:30pm



Planting Bed Design
June 28th, 7-8pm



Full Class List & Registration at:
cuwcd.com/classes.html



Call for Submissions Show Us What You Love About American Fork

Announcing our first ever #FunFotoFriday contest! Show us why you love where you live, in a photo! Winning submission photos will be used in Friday social media posts on our City Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages. It's all about sharing your own ideas about what you love about living in American Fork. Entries will be accepted during the month of May. See the rules for the contest at www.americanfork.gov/photocontest



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CONCERN, VISIT:

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LOOKING FOR A JOB?

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is Hiring

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